

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The composite detergent particles according to claim 1, wherein the detergent additive particles (a) comprise a particle having a structure that there exists a hollow in an inner portion thereof, and that a particle surface is opened and communicated with the hollow in the inner portion.

5. (Amended) The composite detergent particles according to claim 1, wherein the detergent additive particles (a) comprise a particle having a localized structure such that a composition in its inner portion is different from that near its surface.

6. (Amended) The composite detergent particles according to claim 1, wherein the detergent additive particles (a) are obtainable by a step of spraydrying an aqueous solution or suspension which comprises a water-soluble substance, and further optionally comprises a surfactant and/or a water-insoluble substance.

7. (Amended) The composite detergent particles according to claim 1, wherein the detergent additive particles (a) comprise a water-soluble polymer as the water-soluble substances.

8. (Amended) A granular detergent composition comprising 50 to 100% by weight of the composite detergent particles of claim 1.

12. (Amended) The detergent additive particles according to claim 9, wherein the detergent additive particles (a) comprise a particle having a structure that there exists a hollow in an inner portion thereof, and that a particle surface is opened and communicated with the hollow in the inner portion.

13. (Amended) The detergent additive particles according to claim 9, wherein the detergent additive particles (a) comprise a particle having a localized structure such that a composition in its inner portion is different from that near its surface.

14. (Amended) The detergent additive particles according to claim 9, wherein the detergent additive particles (a) are obtainable by a step of spray-drying an aqueous solution or suspension which comprises a water-soluble substance, and further optionally comprises a surfactant and/or a water-insoluble substance.

15. (Amended) The detergent additive particles according to claim 9, wherein the detergent additive particles (a) comprise a water-soluble polymer as the water-soluble substances.
